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Naoto Jikutani et al.

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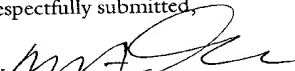
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) and M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c), petitioners request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment (the Office Action dated December 5, 2003) in the above-referenced U.S. patent application. The enclosed Request for Continued Examination, Amendment, Supplemental IDS, Petition for Extension of Time and Credit Card Payment Form were timely filed on September 5, 2003, as evidenced by the enclosed date-stamped postcard. Consequently, the application should not be considered abandoned. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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